



**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. P2442US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Heuft et al.

Art Unit: 3651

Application No. 10/527,732

Examiner: Douglas A. Hess

Filed: August 26, 2005

For: APPARATUS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF A RANDOM STREAM OF CYLINDRICAL  
ITEMS, FOR EXAMPLE DRINKS BOTTLES,  
INTO SEVERAL LANES

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 27, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of October 27, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an Office Action in the subject application.

- Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition For Extension Of Time**
- Applicants petition for a extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$ (enclosed).
  - Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0181 for the appropriate petition fee.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	SMALL ENTITY RATE	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
TOTAL	15	MINUS	20	=0	x 25=	\$	x 50= \$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM					+ 180=	\$	+ 360= \$
					TOTAL	\$	TOTAL \$200.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 07-0181 in the amount of \$200.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- A check in the amount of \$ .
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0181. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. 02/06/2007 GFREY1 00000089 070181 10527732

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 27, 2006 (along with any documents referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

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Enclosed:

1. Transmittal Form PTO-1083 (1 pg) and duplicate thereof (1 pg)
2. Response to Office Action of October 27, 2006 (8 pgs)
3. Authorization to charge deposit account in the amount of \$200.00
4. Return postcard

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